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HIGHWAY ROUTE MATTERS
Route Adoption
Resolution HRA 02-03
2-SHA-299 PM 24.15/R24.86

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ADOPTION OF LOCATION FOR STATE HIGHWAY AS A CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY

Summary

This book item was heard by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) at the June 13, 2002 meeting. Due to a request for additional information by the Commission this item is being resubmitted for the July 18, 2002 meeting.

Recommendation

Submitted for transmittal to the Commission are Highway Route Adoption Resolution HRA 02-03 and the map of a location for the State Highway Route 299. The Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve the resolution and the route location map in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. This resolution adopts a 1.14 kilometer (0.71 mile) location for State Highway Route 299 along Lake Boulevard in the City of Redding, County of Shasta from State Route 273 at Lake Boulevard to Interstate 5 as a conventional highway.

A Project Report was approved December 31, 2001. The project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Categorically Excluded from the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Recommended by: BRENT FELKER
Chief Engineer

Background

The project limits include 4 different highways: I-5 is a multi-lane freeway of divided alignment; State Routes 44, 273, and 299 are multi-lane highways of divided alignment. I-5 and State Route 44 have controlled access. Portions of SR 273 and SR 299 pass through central Redding and are used as the primary local streets through the business district, with many intersections and signals present. State Route 44 and Route 299 were adopted in 1957 and 1965, respectively and are included in the State Freeway and Expressway System.

Currently Route 299 traffic is routed through downtown Redding, via a system of one-way couplets to a freeway section that connects with Interstate 5. At this point Route 44 begins continuing east while Route 299 is routed north on Interstate 5. Route 299 then picks up again approximately 1.9 miles north, where it then turns. This interchange is also the interchange to Lake Boulevard, which connects to Route 273 (Market Street) approximately 0.3 miles to the west.

Proposal

The project proposes to alleviate confusion associated with signage to travelers heading north and south along the Interstate 5 and east and west along State Route 44 and Route 299. To remedy these problems, SB 1637 (1998) and AB 1650 (1999) re-defined the limits of State Route 299 and Route 44. A Project Study Report (PSR) was approved by Caltrans on August 22, 2000. The Project Report and Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exception were approved on December 31, 2001.

The proposed route adoption is located along Lake Boulevard from State Route 273 (Market Street) to Interstate 5 in the City of Redding, County of Shasta. The existing facility, Lake Boulevard, is a four lane conventional highway with a two way left turn lane. The City of Redding has made commitments satisfactory to the Department that prior to the route adoption this section of Lake Boulevard will be brought into a state of good repair.

The project proposes to replace, modify and construct new signage at 71 locations to the extent necessary to implement the legislated adoption and redesignations and to comply with signing policy. Minor safety improvements will be made along Lake Boulevard to include the addition of metal beam guard railing and curb and gutter. The current cost estimate for the project is \$1.07 million and will be funded from the 2002 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The Commission is acting on the financial matters in a separate agenda item. This project is scheduled for construction in the 2002/2003 fiscal year.

Coordination

Fact sheets for an exception to mandatory and advisory design standards have been approved. The project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Categorically Excluded from the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Conclusion

The proposed adoption of the new freeway location for Route 299 are considered to be in the best public interest.

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Adopting A Conventional Highway Location
2-SHA-299 KP 38.87/R39.99 (PM 24.15/R24.86)**

Resolution HRA 02-03

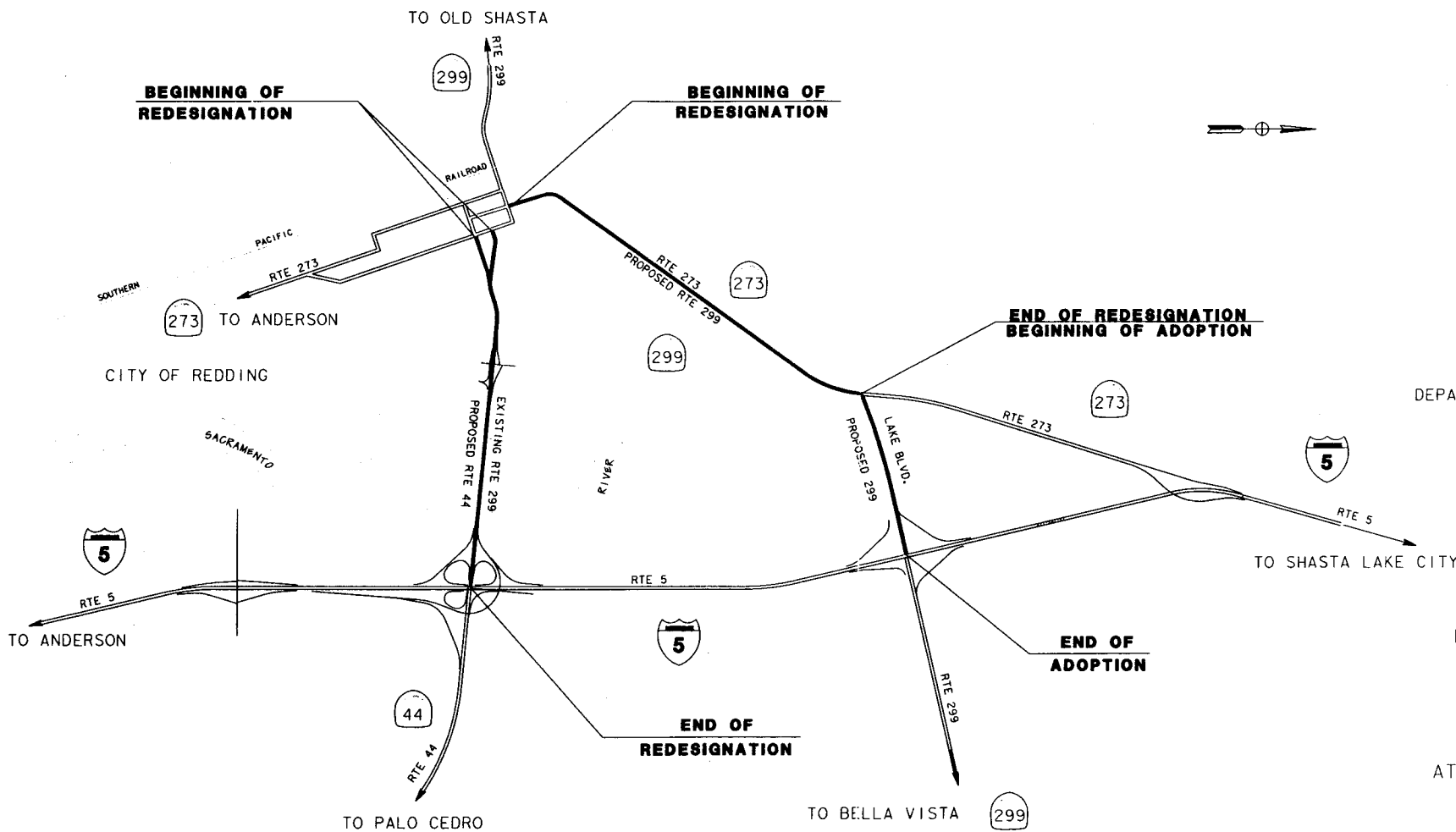
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, with input for the project from the City of Redding, has completed studies and approved of the public hearing process relative to the adopted location along Lake Boulevard for State Highway Route 299, in the City of Redding, in the County of Shasta, from State Route 273 at Lake Boulevard to Interstate 5; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has completed a Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion; and,

WHEREAS, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby select, adopt and determine the location of that segment of State Highway Route 299, along Lake Boulevard from State Route 273 at Lake Boulevard to Interstate 5, in the City of Redding, in Shasta County and officially designated as 02-Shasta-299, as said location is shown on the map submitted on June 1, 2002 by Karla Sutliff, Chief, Division of Design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission has found and determined and hereby declares that such the location of said State highway is for the best interest of the State.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MAP SHOWING

REDESIGNATION AND ADOPTION

IN SHASTA COUNTY
02-SHA-299
AND
02-SHA-44
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS